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Today, the last day possible to petition the Egyptian President to rescind the sentences passed at the Sadat assassination trial, Mr Ahmed Ben Bella, Chairman of the International Islamic Commission on Human Rights, has sent the following message to President Hosni Mubarak:

" At the end of an extraordinary and hurried trial, which permitted inadequate evidence for the defence, and which took inadequate account of the humane and historic motivations which had guided the acts of the accused, the High Court of Justice reached a verdict sentencing Al Istambouli and 4 of his companions to death.

" It would be neither just, nor even proper, if this harsh judgement were executed: a grave and painful breach will ensue in our collective Arab and Muslim consciousness. Sister Egypt will suffer mortification and horrible trauma in a new ordeal which will reach the depths.

" President Mubarak, I am ready to come to Egypt to put forward by word of mouth the deeply-felt reasons for this representation, the intentions of which are fraternal and humane."

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